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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 508
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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FOR DPTY UNSECY FOR MANAGEMENT FROM AMBASSADOR

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MISSION

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1. THE EVALUATION OF KUWAIT MISSION STAFFING WHICH I PROVIDED
TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REF B, AND REVIEWED IN REF C AND D
REMAINS VALID. THE PRESENT STAFFING OF THE EMBASSY IS AT
THE BARE MINIMUM LEVEL REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT CURRENT
OPERATIONS. IN FACT, SOME INCREASES WILL BE NECESSARY TO
PERMIT US TO HANDLE INCREASED WORKLOADS IN THE CONSULAR AND
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AREAS, AND ALSO IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE
AREA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THESE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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2. WE HAVE TWO USG CONTINGENTS HERE WHOSE COSTS ARE
REIMBURSED BY THE GOK, AND OPERATE AT ALMOST NO COST TO THE
US GOVERNMENT. THESE ARE THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TEAM
(USLOK) AND AN ADVISORY GROUP (COMPOSED OF FHWA, FAA AND
GSA PERSONNEL) ASSISTING THE KUWAIT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC
WORKS. IN REF B, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER

THESE REIMBURSED USG ACTIVITIES WERE SUBJECT TO THE PRESENT REDUCTION EXERCISE. TO DATE, I HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY, SO ASSUME THEY ARE NOT. THEREFORE, I HAVE NOT RECOMMENDED ANY REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THESE TWO GROUPS. IN FACT, THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TEAM WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE CURRENT MILITARY SALES PROGRAM WITH LESS THAN ITS PRESENT STAFF. THE PRESENCE OF THE FHWA, FAA AND GSA PERSONNEL IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT HELPFUL IN INCREASING THAT MINISTRY'S USE OF AMERICAN CONTRACTORS AND SERVICES.

3. HOWEVER, I DO HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REDUCTION OF TWO AMERICAN POSITIONS WHICH I ANTICIPATE MAY BE ADDED TO THIS EMBASSY, NAMELY, THOSE OF A REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE OFFICER AND A SECRETARY (TOGETHER WITH PROBABLY TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEE POSITIONS). ACCORDING TO REF F, THESE POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN CURRENT USDA MODE CEILING. I HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE TWO POSITIONS HERE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY ARE UNNECESSARY AS FAR AS KUWAIT IS CONCERNED (REF E), AND, ACCORDING TO CABLES RECEIVED FROM EMBASSIES ABU DHABI, DOHA, AND MANAMA, THE SERVICES OF SUCH AN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER ARE NOT RPT NOT NEEDED THERE EITHER. SO FAR I RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT (ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND NEA CONCURS WITH MY ASSESSMENT) IN MY EFFORT TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO KEEP DOWN THE SIZE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF AMERICAN STAFFS OVERSEAS. IF THE US GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUS IN THIS EFFORT, HERE IS ONE OPPORTUNITY TO NIP AN UNNECESSARY INCREASE IN THE BUD. MAESTRONE

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